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Claim 1 (Previously presented): A double-triggered silicon controlled rectifier (DT\_SCR), the DT\_SCR formed on a P-type substrate, the DT\_SCR comprising:

- 5       an N-well in the P-type substrate;  
      a first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and a first P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region in the P-type substrate for  
          use as a cathode of the DT\_SCR;  
      a second N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and a second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region in the N-well for use  
          as an anode of the DT\_SCR, the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the N-well, the  
10       P-type substrate and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region forming a lateral silicon  
          controlled rectifier (SCR);  
      a first trigger node in the P-type substrate for accepting a first trigger current; and  
      a second trigger node in the N-well for an out-flowing second trigger current;  
      wherein when the first trigger current flows into the DT\_SCR through the first  
15       trigger node, or when the second trigger current flows out from the DT\_SCR through the  
          second trigger node, the lateral SCR is triggered into a latch state.

- Claim 2 (Original): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein the first trigger node of the  
DT\_SCR is a third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region disposed in the  
20       P-type substrate between the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region,  
      and the second trigger node is a third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third N<sup>+</sup> region disposed in  
      the N-well between the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> region.

- Claim 3 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 2 wherein a first shallow trench isolation  
25       (STI) structure is formed in the N-well between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the  
      second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is  
      formed in the P-type substrate between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup>

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diffusion region.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 2 wherein a first gate is formed on the N-well between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a  
5 second gate is formed on the P-type substrate between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 4 wherein the first gate and the second gate in the DT\_SCR are used to reduce a holding voltage of the DT\_SCR so as to  
10 improve a turn-on speed of the DT\_SCR.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein the first trigger node of the DT\_SCR is a third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region disposed in the P-type substrate between the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region,  
15 and the second trigger node is a third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third N<sup>+</sup> region disposed across the N-well and the P-type substrate to reduce a breakdown voltage of the lateral SCR.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 6 wherein a first shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the N-well between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the P-type substrate between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.  
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Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 6 wherein a first gate is formed on the N-well between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second gate is formed on the P-type substrate between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.  
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Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 8 wherein the first gate and the second gate are used to reduce a holding voltage of the DT\_SCR so as to improve a turn-on speed of the DT\_SCR.

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Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein the first trigger node of the DT\_SCR is a third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region disposed across the N-well and the P-type substrate to reduce a breakdown voltage of the lateral SCR, and the second trigger node is a third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third N<sup>+</sup> region disposed in the  
10 N-well between the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 10 wherein a first shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the N-well between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is  
15 formed in the P-type substrate between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 10 wherein a first gate is formed on the N-well between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a  
20 second gate is formed on the P-type substrate between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 12 wherein the first gate and the second gate are used to reduce a holding voltage of the DT\_SCR so as to improve a turn-on  
25 speed of the DT\_SCR.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein a third shallow trench isolation(STI) is formed between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion

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region of the DT-SCR.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein a third gate is formed between the third  $N^+$  diffusion region and the third  $P^+$  diffusion region.

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Claim 16 (Withdrawn): A double-triggered silicon controlled rectifier (DT\_SCR) for quick substrate-triggering, the DT\_SCR formed on a P-type substrate, the DT\_SCR comprising:

- an N-well in the P-type substrate;
- 10 a first  $N^+$  diffusion region and a first  $P^+$  diffusion region in the P-type substrate for use as a cathode of the DT\_SCR;
- a second  $N^+$  diffusion region and a second  $P^+$  diffusion region in the N-well for use as an anode of the DT\_SCR, the second  $P^+$  diffusion region, the N-well, the P-type substrate and the first  $N^+$  diffusion region forming a lateral silicon
- 15 controlled rectifier (SCR);
- a first trigger node for accepting a first trigger current; and
- a second trigger node for an out-flowing second trigger current;
- wherein when the first trigger current flows into the DT\_SCR through the first trigger node, or when the second trigger current flows out from the DT\_SCR through the
- 20 second trigger node, the lateral SCR is triggered into a latch state.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 16 wherein the first trigger node of the DT\_SCR is a third  $P^+$  diffusion region, the third  $P^+$  diffusion region disposed in the N-well between the first  $N^+$  diffusion region and the second  $P^+$  diffusion region, and the

25 second trigger node is a third  $N^+$  diffusion region, the third  $N^+$  region disposed in the P-type substrate between the first  $N^+$  diffusion region and the second  $P^+$  region.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 17 wherein a first shallow trench isolation

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(STI) structure is formed in the N-well between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the P-type substrate between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

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Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 17 wherein a first gate is formed on the N-well between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second gate is formed on the P-type substrate between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

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Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 19 wherein the first gate and the second gate are used to reduce a holding voltage of the DT\_SCR so as to improve a turn-on speed of the DT\_SCR.

15 Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 16 wherein the first trigger node of the DT\_SCR is a third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region disposed in the P-type substrate between the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and the second trigger node is a third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third P<sup>+</sup> region disposed across the N-well and the P-type substrate to reduce a breakdown voltage of the lateral  
20 SCR.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 21 wherein a first shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the N-well between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is  
25 formed in the P-type substrate between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 21 wherein a first gate is formed on the

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N-well between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second gate is formed on the P-type substrate between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

- 5 Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 23 wherein the first gate and the second gate are used to reduce a holding voltage of the DT\_SCR so as to improve a turn-on speed of the DT\_SCR.

- 10 Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 16 wherein the first trigger node of the DT\_SCR is a third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region disposed across the N-well and the P-type substrate to reduce a breakdown voltage of the lateral SCR, and the second trigger node is a third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, the third P<sup>+</sup> region disposed in the N-well between the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

- 15 Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 25 wherein a first shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the N-well between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed in the P-type substrate between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

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Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 25 wherein a first gate is formed on the N-well between the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the second P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region, and a second gate is formed on the P-type substrate between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the first N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

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Claim 28 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 27 wherein the first gate and the second gate in the DT\_SCR are used to reduce a holding voltage of the DT\_SCR so as to improve a turn-on speed of the DT\_SCR.

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Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 16 wherein a third shallow trench isolation (STI) structure is formed between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

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Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The DT\_SCR of claim 16 wherein a third gate is formed between the third N<sup>+</sup> diffusion region and the third P<sup>+</sup> diffusion region.

10 Claim 31 (Previously presented): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein the first trigger node is spaced apart from the second trigger node.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein a portion of the P-type substrate is deposited between the first trigger node from the N-Well.

15 Claim 33 (Previously presented): The DT\_SCR of claim 1 wherein a portion of the N-well is deposited between the first trigger node from the second trigger node.